

CROSSROADS

Sunday's Scriptures:

Epistle:

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Gospel:

Matthew 22:1-14

Shop Rite Cards

Thank you to everyone in the parish who continue to purchase the Shop Rite cards every week. If you already do your grocery shopping at Shop Rite, please consider purchasing a card or two. They are available from **Larry Skvir** every Sunday. Our parish benefits from the purchase of these cards.

See **Larry Skvir**

Preparing for our Explanatory Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 13

Developing a Liturgical Vocabulary: Our List – So Far!

Each service can be compared to a building in which every single part is functional. (Fr. Alexander Schmemmann)

Alleluia
Amen
Anaphora & Dialogue
Antimension
Antiphon
Augmented Litany (How is it different
from the Great Litany)
Blessed is the Kingdom....
“Calling”
Catechumen
Censing
Communion (with what?)
Creed
Ekklesia
Entrances
Holy God...
Litanies
Leiturgia/Liturgy
Offertory
Peace be with you.
Processions
Prokeimenon
Proskomedia
Sacrifice
Sign of the Cross
Synaxis
Wisdom / Let us be attentive.

September, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <i>Fr. John and Dn John at Diocesan Clergy Conference (Wed - Thur)</i>	3 AA Meeting - 6 PM	4	5 Community Luncheon - 9 AM Parastas for Mary Powers - 4:30 Great Vespers 5 PM
6 Divine Liturgy 9:00	7	8 <i>Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos - 9 AM</i>	9 <i>Inreach/Outreach Meeting on ZOOM - 7 PM</i>	10 AA Meeting - 6 PM	11	12 Great Vespers 5 PM
13 Explanatory Divine Liturgy 9:30	14 <i>Divine Liturgy for the Elevation of the Cross - 9 AM</i>	15	16	17 AA Meeting - 6 PM	18	19 Visit of Archbishop Michael 5 PM <i>Healing Service</i>
20 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 9:30	21	22	23	24 <i>Ladies Luncheon</i> AA Meeting - 6 PM	25	26 4:30 - Parastas for Helen Sosangelis Great Vespers 5 PM
27 Divine Liturgy 10:00 <i>Dn John's 1st Class</i>	28	29	30 <i>Parish Council Meeting on ZOOM 7 PM</i>	1 AA Meeting - 6 PM	2	3 Auction - Noon Great Vespers 5 PM
4 Divine Liturgy 10:00 <i>Dn John's 2nd Class</i>	5	6	7	8 AA Meeting - 6 PM	9	10 Community Luncheon - 9 AM Great Vespers 5 PM

Healing Service



Saturday, September 19th, 2026 at 5 PM

His Eminence Archbishop Michael

will lead a Healing Service

at the Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross

11 Wilkins Station Rd, Medford, NJ 08055

Reception following Healing Service

In the Social Hall

Everyone is Welcome to participate



Sunday, September 20th, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

Reception following Divine Liturgy

Fantasy Auction News

The Fantasy Auction will be held on Saturday, Oct 3rd from 12-4 pm
in Fellowship Hall.

Vespers will be served at 4pm.

Join us for FUNdraising, food, fellowship, and worship!

- #1) **Sunday, Sept 20th is the deadline for signing up to donate a gift card, item, or themed basket**, which allows us time to prepare the Program booklet. The sign-up sheet is in the Social Hall at the Auction table or call **Leslie Lane at (609) 790-3470 or Leigh-Ann at (609) 600-0987**.
- #2) **Several volunteers are needed to solicit donations from local businesses ASAP.** Please consider asking a business that you frequent for a donation. Copies of the Donation Request letter are at the Auction table. **Please see Leslie or Leigh-Ann if you're able to help out.**
- #3) **Tickets will be on sale for \$20 each Sunday – see Carol Ann Curry and Barbara Mosser.** Please bring your family and friends! The admission includes a lunch buffet and desserts. Advance ticket sales will help us better plan for food. Tickets will also be available at the door.
- #4) **Please bring all donations to the Hall on Sept 27** (preferred date, due to Bishop Michael's visit on 9-20) or Sept 13 and give them to Leslie Lane, Leigh-Ann Stoddart-Best, Carol Ann Curry, or Barbara Mosser. At drop off, please attach a filled out donation form describing your donation, its retail value, and how you wish your name to appear in the Program booklet. If you wish to receive credit on your Annual Donation Statement, please include your actual cost and envelope number.
- #5) **Please sign-up to bring food items by Sept 27th**
– see sheet on Social Hall bulletin board.
- #6) **Volunteers are needed to clean up and reset the Social Hall**
– see sheet at Auction table.

Thank you!



Guarding the Fire

Eros, Porneia, and the Warfare Within

September 25th - 27th, 2026

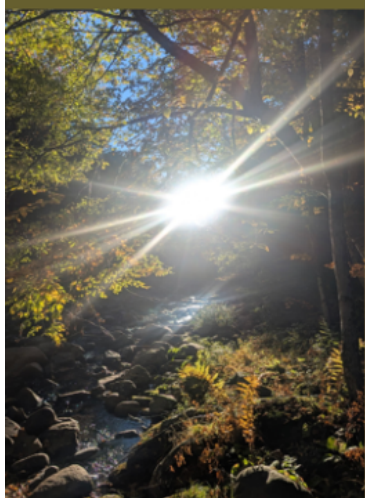
Moose River Plains Wilderness

MEET AT THE OTTER BROOKS CAMPSITES

Open to all high school aged young men and older.

For more information and to register,
please scan the QR code below.

Registration Fee: Free!



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Some Ways to Support our Parish

Here are some ways that this can be done:

- 1) **Cash** (If an annual record of this donation is desired then it should be put in an envelope with your name on it, so that a record can be kept and a receipt eventually will be prepared and available).
- 2) **Monthly Envelopes** can be sent to your home (see Fr. John if you would like to donate this way).
- 3) **A Check** can be made out to the church and given in the donation basket or left in the church office.
- 4) **Having a check sent directly from your bank account to the church** (in the same way that bills can be paid on your computer through your bank).

Address the check to:

Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross
Box 805
Medford, NJ 08055

- 5) **Using our online app, tithe.ly** – Please note that there is a 3% processing fee - this can be added to the donation or it will be subtracted from the donation):
 - 1) You can use the **QR Code** at our website: <https://holycrossmedford.org/>



- 2) Go to: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1197928
- 3) TEXT the word, **“Give” to: 1-833-854-9049**

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SHOP RITE COUPONS

Cards are available in denominations of \$100, \$50, \$25, and \$20.

Shop-Rite sells the cards in bulk to us at a 5% discount. The gift cards are available from **Larry Skvir** every Sunday at coffee hour. If you regularly shop at Shop-Rite and don't use the gift cards, please consider purchasing them in 2026.